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SUBJECT: SOVIET VISITOR TO FIJI: KIM MALAHOVSHY

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DURING DECEMBER, SOON AFTER SOVIET AMBASSADOR BASOV VISITED SUVA FROM CANBERRA, ANOTHER IMPORTANT SOVIET VISITOR WENT TO FIJI. HE IS KIM MALAHOVSKY, OF THE USSR'S INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES, AND IS SAID TO BE AN EXPERT ON AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA, WHOSE INTERESTS NOW EXTEND TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS. AFTER ARRIVING IN CANBERRA FROM THE USSR, MALAHOVSKY STAYED ONLY BRIEFLY BEFORE PROCEEDING TO FIJI. WHILE HERE, MALAHOVSKY LOOKED UP A PROFESSOR AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND ALSO TALKED WITH JAMES DUNN, WHO LAST YEAR GAINED CONSIDERABLE NOTORIETY BY PUBLICIZING ALLEGED MIS-TREATMENT OF THE TIMORSESE PEOPLE BY INDONESIA. DUNN LOBBIED EXTENSIVELY FOR HIS CAUSE WITH LABOR PARTY PARLIAMENTARIANS IN AUSTRALIA, AND TESTIFIED BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY SUVA CAN TURN UP ON WHAT MALAHOVSKY DID AND WHOM HE SAW DURING HIS RECENT FIJI VISIT.

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